

TWO  
LETTERS

FROM

Colonell MORGAN

Governour of Gloucester, to severall

Members of the honourable House  
of COMMONS.

Relating the Summons, Answer, and the manner  
of taking the Town and Castle of

MONMOUTH:

And therein

7. Pieces of Ordnance.

4. Sling-pieces.

300. Muskets.

100. Pikes,

10. Barrels of Powder, with Bullet  
and Match proportionable.

24. Barrels of Peter & Brimstone.  
All other Ammunition & provision

Likewise two Letters from an Officer in Mon-  
mouth, concerning the free coming in of the Country  
to block up Hereford, and the driving M. Gen Washington  
with 1500 horse and foot out of Glamorganshire.

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Col. Morgan Governour  
of Gloucester, his first Letter to  
a worthy Member of the honourable  
House of Commons.

SIR,



Ince my last, informing you of Wathingtons  
being in this County with his commanded men  
from severall garrisons of the enemy, it hath  
pleased God to blisse my p oceedings hitherto,  
in giving me a good entrance ysterday into  
this Town with small opposition, the enemy ha-  
ving betaken themselves to the Castle. This morning I summo-  
ned the Governour to surrender to me for the Parliaments use  
the Castle, with all the Armes and Amunitiam therein, which  
he refused, saying, that he was commanded by the King to keepe  
it for his Majesties use. My Miners goe to worke this day, and  
I doubt not (God willing) but to give a good account thereof in  
short time as well as of the Towne, if it please God that I may  
reap our reliefe. The Countrey riseth very freely since my taking  
Chepstow. Sir Trevor Williams is neere with above one  
housnd Clubmen, they all declare themselves absolutely for the  
Parliament. If God blisse my proceedings in this designe, Wales  
will be in a good condition. Sir, I rest,

Your affectionate servant,

Monmouth,  
Feb. 23. 1635.

THOMAS MORGAN.



A Letter from Col. Morgan  
Governour of Gloucester, to sever-  
all Members of the honourable  
House of Commons.

Gentlemen.

**M**Y desire is to acquaint you with our proceedings in this County since the reducing of Chepstow; and how we have caused Major Gen. *Washington*, who had 1500 horse and foot, besides a great faction in the County, to quit it, and refused to fight with us. My forces consisting of 1500 horse and foot, and the Monmouthshire Clubmen under Sir *Trevor Williams*, being 1500 foot and 200 horse. Both these being joyned wee concluded to attempt Monmouth, in which designe it pleased God to prosper us; upon the first attempt we got the Towne, the enemy be-  
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taking themselves to (their last refuge) the  
Castle, which being three daies besieged, disco-  
vered our Mines, which were almost ready to  
spring, and then they beat a parley, which we  
entertained, concluding the delivery of the  
Castle, with all the Armes, Artillery, Ammuni-  
tion, and provisions therein (save onely the Of-  
ficers to march away with their Horses and  
Armes) immediately unto us, for the Parliaments  
use, which was instantly acted, sending with them  
a convoy towards Hereford.

We tooke in the Castle seven pieces of Ord-  
nance, foure sling pieces, 300 Muskets, 100  
Pikes, ten barrels of Powder, with Bullet and  
Match proportionable, 24 barrels of Peter and  
Brimstone, and a reasonable quantity of all sorts  
of provision. By these successes all Southwales  
is brought into a good condition, and declare  
themselves for the Parliament. So I rest,

*Gentlemen,*

Monmouth,  
Octob. 24. 1645.

Your servant,

THOMAS MORGAN.



## Two Letters from an Officer in Monmouth, to a Gentleman in London.

Worthy Sir,

**S**ir Trevor Williams met us upon Munday and Tuesday last between Chepstow and Monmouth at our Rendezvous, with 2000 Monmouthshire men well armed. Whereupon our Governour Col. Morgan (who notwithstanding his sickness shewed in all these enterprizes much activity and valour) advanced yesterday within view of Monmouth, and upon drawing out into parties to storme the Towne, Sir Trevor and his men with unexpected resolution joyned with us, which the Townsmen of Monmouth perceiwing laid down their Armes, whereupon Sir H. Lunsford, not Sir Thomas Lunsford, the Governour betooke himselfe to the Castle, and we possesse the Town. Our Forresters are mining heartily already, and I doubt not but I shall certifie you of the taking it shortly. However it is impossible  
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for them to be relieved( for they have left us the Town  
extreamly well fortified.) The Herefordshire men  
have sent to Col. Kerle (who is now here with us) to  
joyn with them, and that they will all rise in Armes  
against Hereford and blocke them up; so soon as this  
castle is taken Col. Kerle will assist them in the service.  
This Colonell was one that was formerly for the King,  
but for a yeere did expresse his affection and reall in-  
tention for the Parliament, and upon his comming in  
brought a Troop of horse, and obtained the delivery of  
the castle to the Parliaments forces, which might have  
continued theirs, had it been as carefully kept, as he  
faithfull in performance. Sir, my present extraordi-  
nary imployment here enforces me to breake off abrupt-  
ly, but rest,

Your humble servant,  
K. R.

Monmouth,  
Octob. 23. 1645.

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SIR,



SIR,

**S**Ince the writing of the inclosed we have taken the Castle, with above 400 Armes, and good store of provisions. Sir Trevor Williams is left Governour, and deserves to have it established by the Parliament, having engaged all the Countrey for the Parliament; Col. Kerle did very good service in the reducing both of this Castle and Chepstow, and before relieved Canon Fromm. He now intends to place a Garrison between Hereford and Gotheridge, and then those Garrisons will be so impoverished, that they will not be able to keepe so many souldiers, as to spare any into the field to annoy these parts. The Countrey on both sides Hereford have promised to joyn with him in distressing thereof; Col. Liggins who was here with some forces had the honour given him by Col. Morgan to command the horse, and expressed much courage; and the resolution of our brave governour of Gloucester was not inferior to any. Sir, at present I have no more to acquaint you with, but rest,

Your affectionate servant,  
K. R.

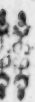
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